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Abstract

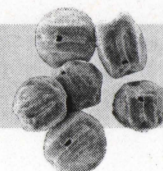
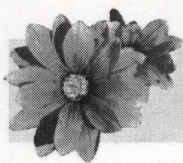
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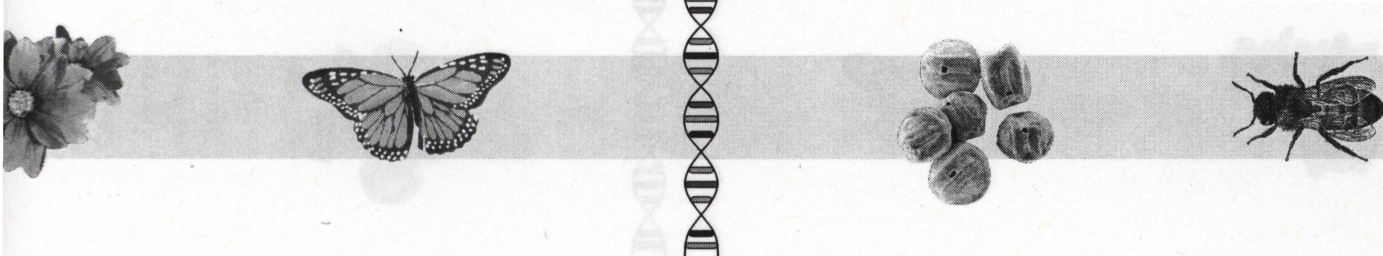
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Figure 1. High seed-set four-way cross [A00-39 *ms2* × Corsoy 79 × DSR Exp. 202b] × GH 4190

Table 1. Maximum (Max) and minimum (Min) number of seed/soybean family for each population within three-way, four-way, five-way, BC₁, BC₂, and BC₃ crosses. Texas data.

Population	Mean Seed No./Male-sterile Family					
	2003		2004		2005	
	Common Male 1*		Common Male 2**		Common Male 3***	
	Three-way Cross		Four-way Cross		Five-way Cross	
Female Parent	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
(A00-39 <i>ms2</i> × Corsoy 79)	174	61	465	244	190	142
(A00-39 <i>ms2</i> × Hark)	316	57	330	6	246	68
(A00-41 <i>ms2</i> × A00-73 <i>Ms9</i>)	195	27	337	94	227	88
[A00-63 <i>ms2</i> (Beeson) × Wells]	84	8	297	228	151	126
(A00-68 <i>ms3</i> × A00-41 <i>Ms2</i>)	187	49	263	78	252	224
(A00-72 <i>ms8</i> × A00-68 <i>Ms3</i>)	159	68	329	147	238	152
(A00-73 <i>ms9</i> v Raiden)	173	6	266	38	251	172
[A94-20×19(<i>ms6</i>) × A00-39 <i>Ms2</i>]	104	24	232	63	177	104

* DSR Exp. 202b, ** GH 4190, *** DSR Exp. 202c

Population	BC ₁		BC ₂		BC ₃	
	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
(A00-39 <i>ms2</i> × Corsoy 79)	198	17	201	49	161	45
(A00-39 <i>ms2</i> × Hark)	219	33	271	73	214	22
(A00-41 <i>ms2</i> × A00-73 <i>Ms9</i>)	142	35	269	3	165	24
[A00-63 <i>ms2</i> (Beeson) × Wells]	95	18	140	36	108	87
(A00-68 <i>ms3</i> × A00-41 <i>Ms2</i>)	176	28	482	75	313	144
(A00-72 <i>ms8</i> × A00-68 <i>Ms3</i>)	45	26	ND	ND	ND	ND
(A00-73 <i>ms9</i> × Raiden)	234	13	241	67	261	180
[A94-20×19(<i>ms6</i>) × A00-39 <i>Ms2</i>]	137	33	245	10	190	134

ND = No data